

Events and Opportunities



Last Chance: Register for Annual Seed Swap

February 12th, 2022, 12 PM - 3 PM

Pioneer Park Pavillion in Puyallup

In just a few weeks, [Harvest Pierce County](#) will be hosting our annual Seed Swap. The Seed Swap is an opportunity to join other local seed savers to break bread, share stories, learn a few skills, get inspired, and most importantly, swap seed!

This year's Seed Swap will be held on Sunday, Feb 12, at Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup from 12 - 3 pm.

In addition to a potluck, donuts and bagels from the amazing [Yeastside Bakery](#) will be provided along with coffee, tea, and sparkling water. Emily Tzeng of [Local Color Farm](#) and Fiber will share her own personal seed saving journey. Your [registration](#) for this **FREE event** will help us plan.

You won't want to miss out on the fun and the chance to start planning your 2023 garden.

[Learn More](#)[Register](#)

2023 Annual Celebration

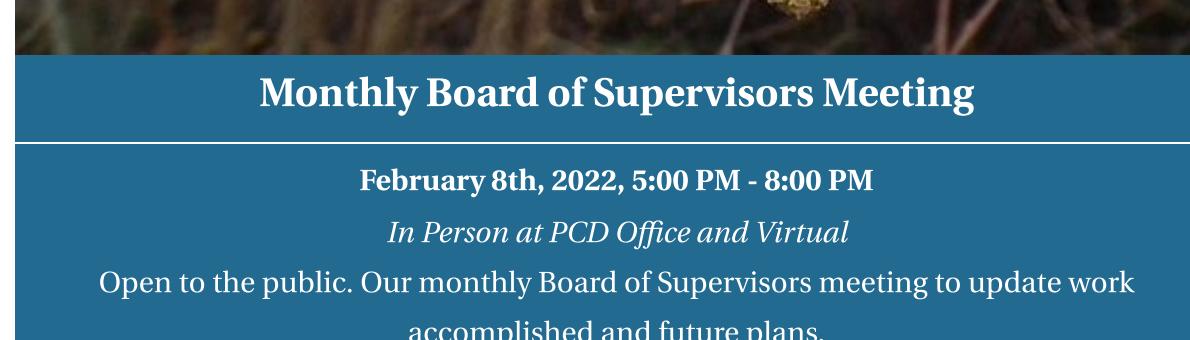
March 15th, 2023, 5 PM - 8 PM

Pioneer Park Pavillion in Puyallup

Join Pierce Conservation District's Board and Staff for an evening of reflection, recognition, and refreshments on Wednesday, March 15, at Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup. We will showcase an assortment of projects undertaken since our last in-person Annual Celebration & Awards Ceremony and recognize the amazing individuals and partner organizations working to steward our natural resources.

This event is **FREE**, however, **registration is required**.

The event is also the final opportunity to cast your [Board of Supervisors ballot](#). Polling will be open between 4 pm and 8 pm. (more information about PCD's election can be found [here](#)).

[Learn More](#)[Register](#)

2023 Urban Tree Sale Open

January 17 - March 31

The [2023 Spring Urban Tree Sale](#) opened last month. We offer 11 different tree varieties for as low as \$10 per tree.

The sale is **limited to residents in the cities of Tacoma and Puyallup and Unincorporated Pierce County**. Customers can buy up to **three trees** each time PCD holds a sale for a total of up to 6 trees per property.

With the purchase of a tree, customers also receive a free educational workshop and a slow-release watering bucket.

The Urban Tree Sale is hosted by our [Water Quality](#) team as part of our [Green Stormwater program](#) in partnership with cities of [Tacoma](#) and [Puyallup](#) and [Pierce County](#).

[Learn More](#)[Calendar Event](#)[Agenda](#)

Poultry Production Webinar

February 23rd, 7:00 PM-8:15 PM

online

Are you thinking of getting a backyard flock? Are you hoping to expand from layers into broilers? Or considering adding another species to your flock?

Join Sarah Lemon, our Puyallup-White River Farm Resources Program Manager, for a webinar on starting and expanding your poultry production with a conservation-sustainability mindset! We'll cover things you should consider before starting out, how to get going, what to watch out for, and where to turn when challenges inevitably arise. This webinar will be mostly targeted to a beginner audience or those looking to add new species or enterprises. Feel free to contact Sarah at SarahL@piercecd.org beforehand with questions or for more information!

[Register](#)



FREE Edible Gardens Workshops

March through October

Online and in person

Interested in learning the basics of successful vegetable gardening in the PNW?

Educators from [Harvest Pierce County](#) and [Pierce County Planning and Public Works](#) offer gardening knowledge through [Edible Garden Workshops](#). This is a **series of online and in-person courses**.

Course topics range from:

- caring for fruit trees
- seed starting
- container gardening
- much more

[Register](#)

Volunteer Opportunities



Deadman's Pond Work Party

Feb 3rd, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

Activities will include maintaining existing plantings, mulching and taking out invasive plants. Exact address will be shared with sign up.

[Sign Up](#)



Whittier Park Work Party

Feb 4th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fircrest, WA

Activities will include maintaining existing plantings, mulching and taking out invasive plants. Exact address will be shared with sign up.

[Sign Up](#)



Bradley Lake Park Work Party

Feb 11th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

Volunteer with us by spending 3 hours at Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup. Activities include **installing new burlap and mulch to remove invasive Himalayan blackberry**. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.

[Sign Up](#)

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Silver Creek Work Party

Feb 12th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

Activities will include maintaining existing plantings, mulching and taking out invasive plants. Exact address will be provided on sign up.

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Pioneer Place II Work Party

Feb 12th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

Activities will include maintaining existing plantings, mulching and taking out invasive plants. Exact address will be provided on sign up.

[Sign Up](#)



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Feb 20th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Puyallup, WA

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South Prairie Creek Preserve Work Party

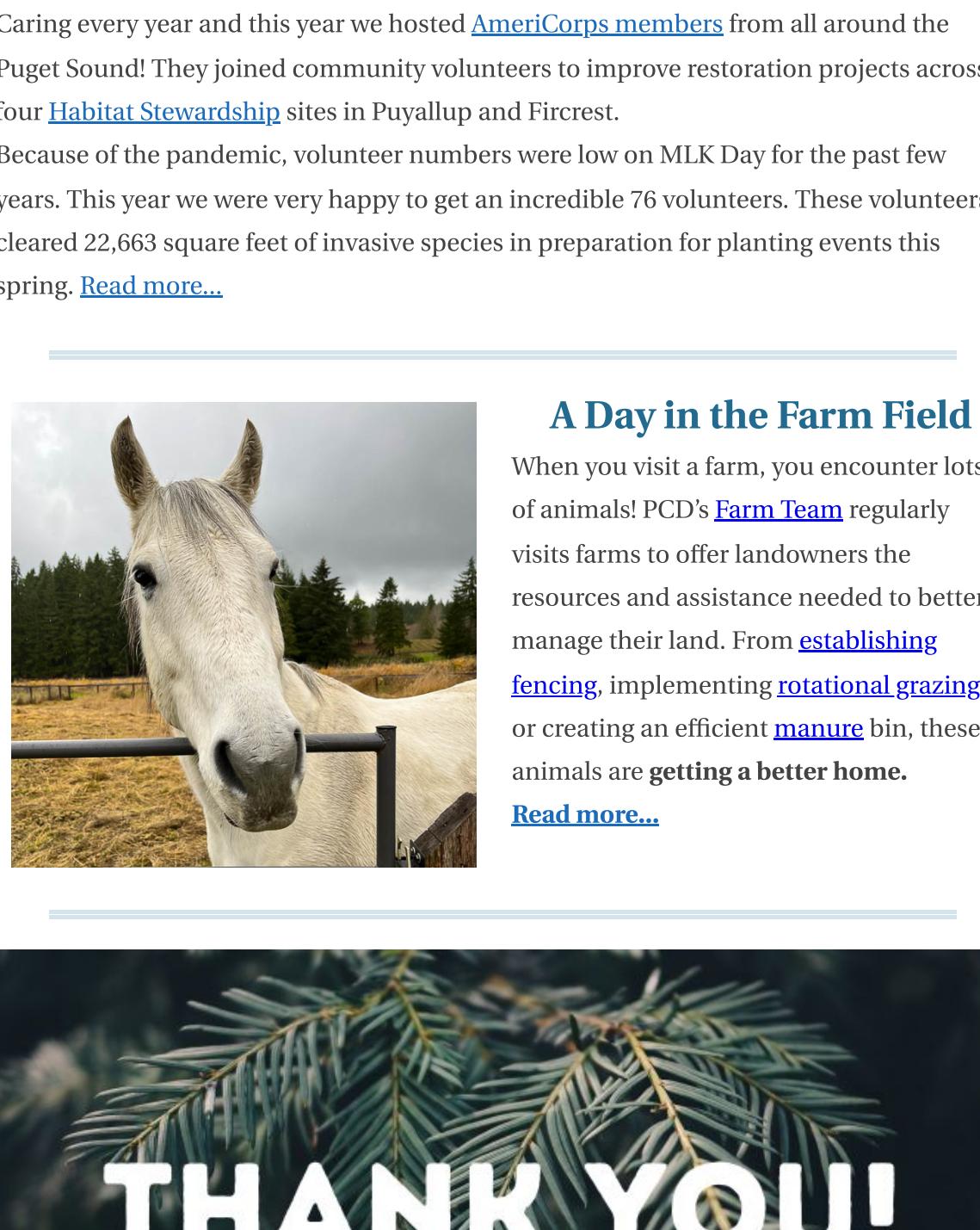
Feb 25th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

South Prairie, WA

Come Join PCD in restoring South Prairie Creek Preserve! We will be planting trees and shrubs alongside the creek in order to provide shade, mitigate effects of flooding, and enhance salmon habitat! Exact address will be shared upon sign up

[Sign Up](#)

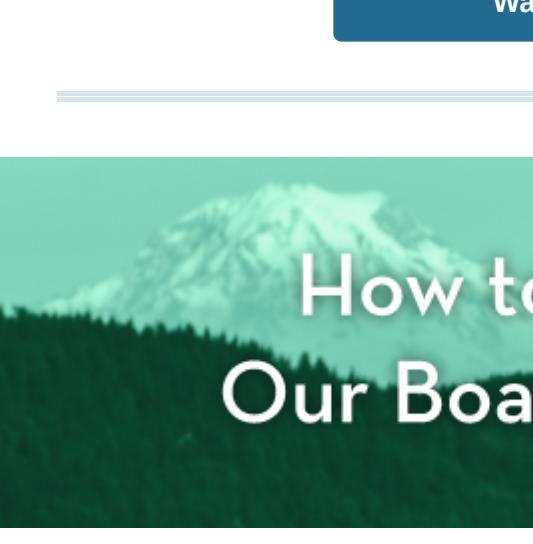
News from Pierce CD



Record Attendance At MLK Day

Pierce Conservation District hosts a volunteer event for Martin Luther King Jr Day of Caring every year and this year we hosted [AmeriCorps members](#) from all around the Puget Sound! They joined community volunteers to improve restoration projects across four [Habitat Stewardship](#) sites in Puyallup and Fircrest.

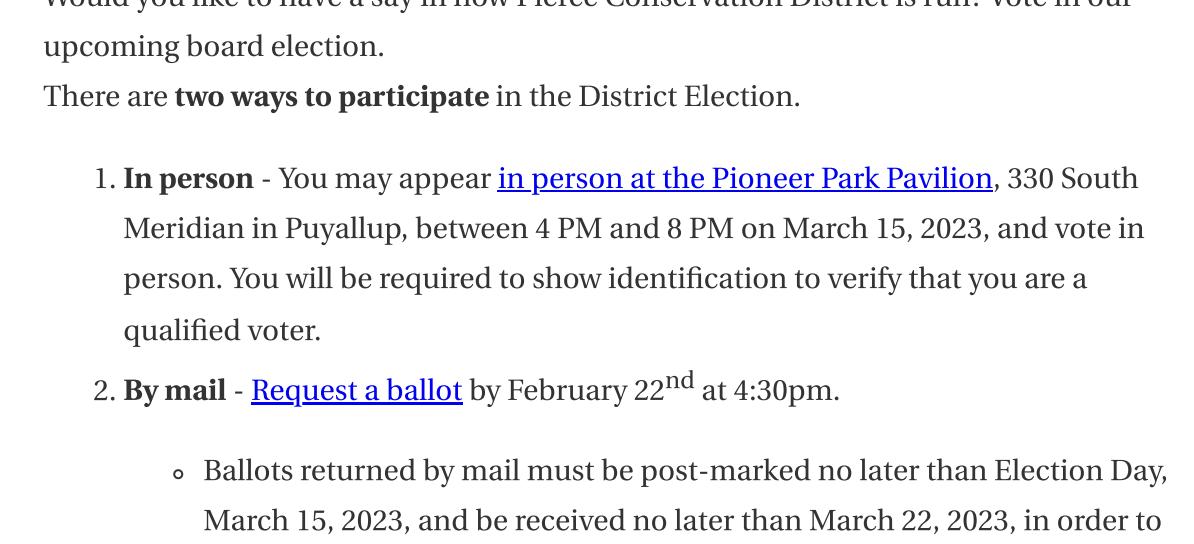
Because of the pandemic, volunteer numbers were low on MLK Day for the past few years. This year we were very happy to get an incredible 76 volunteers. These volunteers cleared 22,663 square feet of invasive species in preparation for planting events this spring. [Read more...](#)



A Day in the Farm Field

When you visit a farm, you encounter lots of animals! PCD's [Farm Team](#) regularly visits farms to offer landowners the resources and assistance needed to better manage their land. From [establishing fencing](#), implementing [rotational grazing](#), or creating an efficient [manure](#) bin, these animals are [getting a better home](#).

[Read more...](#)



Thank You for Your Native Plant Sale Purchase

Thanks to everyone who made pre-sale orders during our 2023 Native Plant Sale! Because of you, tens of thousands of native plants will thrive in our shared communities and increase the overall health of our region. Please be on the lookout for an email with details about how to pick up your order.

Unable to pre-order? Don't fret! More plants and other goodies will be available at our [walk-up sale](#) on Saturday, March 4th from 11am – 3pm.

Please visit our [Walk Up Sale webpage](#) for all the details.

[Walk Up Sale](#)

Vote in Our Board Election!

Would you like to have a say in how Pierce Conservation District is run? Vote in our upcoming board election.

There are [two ways to participate](#) in the District Election.

1. [In person](#) - You may appear [in person at the Pioneer Park Pavilion](#), 330 South Meridian in Puyallup, between 4 PM and 8 PM on March 15, 2023, and vote in person. You will be required to show identification to verify that you are a qualified voter.
2. [By mail](#) - [Request a ballot](#) by February 22nd at 4:30pm.

Ballots returned by mail must be post-marked no later than Election Day, March 15, 2023, and be received no later than March 22, 2023, in order to be counted. Ballots received after March 22, 2023 will not be counted.

Locked ballot box at PCD office -- Ballots returned by other means must be returned and placed in the locked ballot box at 308 West Stewart Avenue in Puyallup no later than 3 PM on Election Day, March 15, 2023.

[Request a Ballot](#)

Prior to participating you should:

1. Make sure you live within [PCD's boundaries](#)*

2. Check that your Pierce County voter registration has the same name and address you use to register to vote in PCD's election. If you aren't a Pierce County registered voter, [register to vote here](#)!

*[What are the District's boundaries?](#) Unincorporated Pierce County, City of Bonney Lake, City of Buckley, City of Dupont, City of Edgewood, City of Fircrest, City of Gig



Hiring Senior Director of Finance and Administration

Pierce Conservation District seeks a full-time [Senior Director of Finance and Administration](#). This is an administrative position of Pierce Conservation District. The employee occupying this position reports to the Executive Director and will work closely with the Board of Supervisors, all Program Directors and staff of the organization to support them in the delivery of our mission.

The ideal candidate will have strong working knowledge and experience in managing human resources and experience in supporting business and operation functions of a mid-sized organization. A keen understanding of budgets, finance, grants procurement, and program administration are an absolute requirement. A previous track record of successfully working with a board of directors and other elected and/or appointed officials is preferred and cultivating a team of professionals to excel in program delivery. Pierce Conservation District staff are represented by the Washington Federation of State Employees. This is a non-represented senior management position, and experience with unions and collective bargaining processes is desired. Starting Salary \$99,816, with competitive benefits. Position is “hybrid,” with some remote work possible, but with onsite work at Puyallup office required. Position is open until filled, with a desired start date of **March 1, 2023**.

Full job description [here](#)

[Apply](#)

Partner Opportunities

Grant Application Open until February 19th

Washington State Organic & Sustainable Farming Fund

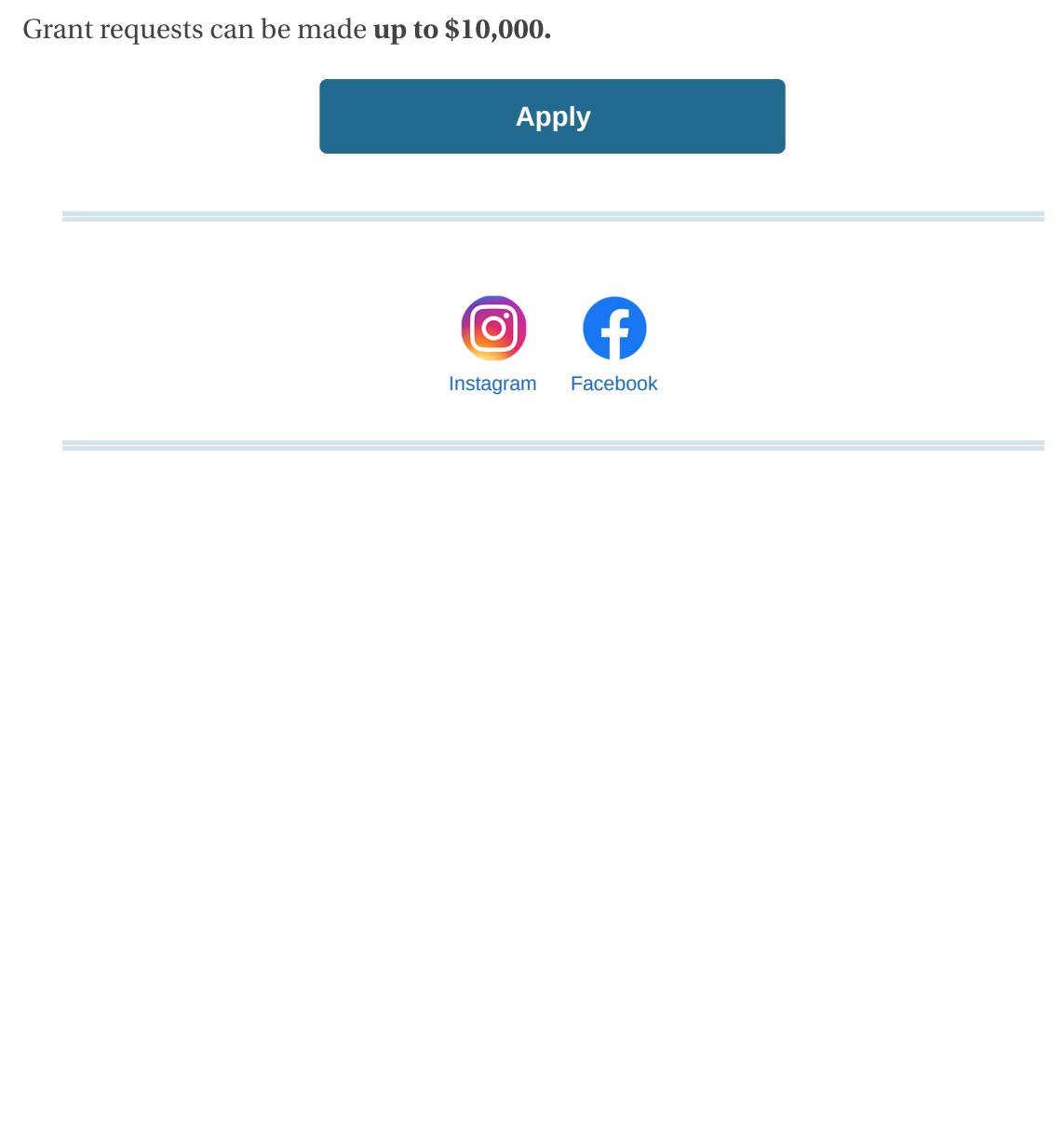


Photo of Inch Mother Earth Farm by Rylea Foehl

[Tilth Alliance](#) is now accepting applications for the [Washington State Organic and Sustainable Farming Fund](#) (WSOSFF).

Applications are **due Feb. 19, 2023**.

This opportunity is available to **farmers seeking financial assistance to support projects that will improve the economic viability, social impacts, or environmental sustainability of their farm businesses and/or community**. The goal of the grants is to improve farm operations through the use of sustainable practices such as crop diversification or environmentally-safe waste management.

Grant requests can be made **up to \$10,000**.

[Apply](#)



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